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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, the 7th May 1962

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (SRI V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDER) in the Chair.

I.—QUSTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Madras Vanaspati Factory

* 49 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 128 on 8th March, 1961—

(a) whether the Government have received the annual instalments from the Madras Vanaspati Factory at Villupuram as per agreement; and

(b) whether the factory is working?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) The first instalment which fell due on 1st April 1961 has been paid. The second instalment due on 1st April 1962 has not yet been paid.

(b) No, Sir.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : May I know, Sir, the total amount due from the firm?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, it is Rs. 8,24,186 towards principal and Rs. 5,58,000 towards interest.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us why the factory is not working?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, it has been closed for a long time. They are renovating it by reconditioning the machinery, etc. They have also applied for high tension electricity power supply. The information that the Government have got is that they will start functioning very soon.

Dharson of Renganadha

* 50 Q.—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any additional fee is collected during festival for dharsan of Renganadha at Srirangam; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.